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Note by the Secretariat

Addendum

Contributions by parliamentarians and women's organizations

1. The attention of the Preparatory Committee is drawn to the petitions, resolutions and letters presented by parliamentarians and women's organizations representing millions of women from around the world urging the World Conference on Human Rights to consider the violation of women's rights, and especially gender violence as international human rights issues. The signatories of these communications have requested special protection for women and children during war, special attention for women refugees and women seeking asylum; they also request the World Conference to recognize women's equality as a significant human rights issue which should be subject to the implementation methods and mechanisms of relevant United Nations treaties.

2. These communications have been received from the General Arab Women's Federation, and from women and organizations from Brazil, Canada, Germany, Iceland, Philippines, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States. Because of the great number of letters and petitions received, the Secretariat is not in a position to reproduce them as an official document. They may however be consulted in the files of the Secretariat.

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